



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Highlights for July 28, 2008

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COUNCILMEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT: On Tuesday, August 5, members of The Columbus City Council will stand with the community against crime as they join them in celebrating the 25th annual *National Night Out* event. National Night Out empowers neighborhoods by sending a message to criminals that they are organized and fighting back. To commemorate this tradition, Councilmember [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *Resolution 0149X-2008*, which encourages the community to take part in the night's festivities and work together to prevent crime in their neighborhoods.

****National Night Out will take place Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. In keeping with the event's tradition, please leave your front porch light on in observance of this year's theme, "Lights on Means Lights Out for Crime".****

WEINLAND PARK HEALTH, SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE: Weinland Park residents will soon have the opportunity to take part in a number of activities that will help improve the safety of their neighborhood. *Ordinance 1264-2008*, sponsored by Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#), will allow for the expenditure of \$75,000 to contract with the Godman Guild for the Weinland Park Health, Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative. The initiative has been established to provide educational resources to the neighborhood as well as help foster community pride. Some of the activities and programs of the partnership include the Community Ambassadors Program, Juvenile Restitution, Community/Police Relations Workshop, and the Weinland Park Youth Program.

TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS: Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring legislation that will enhance some of Columbus' most popular trails. *Ordinance 1125-2008* will authorize the expenditure of \$105,000 to allow the trail improvement project to get underway. The upgrades will include ramp repairs along the 670 Trail; new centerline striping, bollard removals and drainage improvements along the Olentangy Trail; railing improvements along the Alum Creek Trail and clearing work along the Scioto Trail. Removing obstacles, hazards and brush as well as improving selected ramps and railings will increase the safety of those who use the regional trail system.

ON THE ROAD TO COMPLETE STREETS: The Complete Streets philosophy is founded on the principle that transportation projects should accommodate all forms of transportation including cars, transit users, bicyclists and pedestrians. Public Service and Transportation Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring *Resolution 0151X-2008* to express support of Complete Streets principles. Columbus traffic engineers and transportation division officials are studying Complete Streets principles to ensure that whenever possible, the entire

right of way of every Columbus roadway is designed and operated to enable safe access for all users.

TAVARES TO HOLD HUMAN SERVICES BRIEFINGS: Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) will hold two Human Services Briefings in City Council Chambers on August 6 and 7, 2008 at 5:30 PM. The briefings will afford agencies that contract with the City of Columbus an opportunity to present their needs to councilmembers as well as comment on the trends they are observing throughout the Columbus Community.

CRAIG TO HOLD BRIEFING AT ECDI: Minority and Small Business Development Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) will host a briefing on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI). ECDI, a non-profit community-based organization, provides services to minority and small business start-ups. This is the second in a series of meetings Craig is holding to identify ways for City Council to assist in the creation and retention of new companies in Columbus.

NEW POLICE SUB-STATION: President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) is sponsoring legislation that will allow the Columbus Division of Police to strengthen neighborhood safety and community ties in the Parkwood Avenue area. *Ordinance 0900-2008* will authorize the expenditure of \$367,683.60 for the construction of a Police Division substation facility inside the police records warehouse located at 2077 Parkwood Avenue. This project will also help eliminate overcrowding at the Ulry Road sub-station.

FOCUS ON NEIGHBORHOODS: In an effort to focus attention on the important role of neighborhood organizations, Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) invites a different area commission to offer a report to City Council each month. Tonight, Danny Popp, chair of the North Linden Area Commission will provide an update of neighborhood activities—as well as ask and answer questions before Council. City Council will also consider legislation (*Ordinances 0368-2008, 1185-2008 and 1192-2008*) that could add up to three new area commissions in Columbus—the Livingston Avenue Area Commission, the Far South Columbus Area Commission, and the Columbus South Side Area Commission.

****Please note that at the conclusion of tonight's meeting Columbus City Council will enter its August recess period. The next City Council Meeting will take place on September 8, 2008 at 5:00 PM.****